On the western side the French had advanced along the roads, making postible a junction of the American First d the French Fourth Army.

There has been comparatively little ighting on the remainder of the Amer-lean front, although some progress has been made to the east of the Meuse. The German position along the Amer-can centre has been subjected through-out the day to a steady harassing artiery fire, supplemented by gas, but ex-cept for the capture of La Musarie farm ments the infantry was

Enemy Resistance Stubborn. The Germans continued their resist ance to-day against the advance of the American forces on this front, the strength of the opposition fully equalling

that of yesterday.

With machine guns, some artillery fire and minor counter attacks the Germans interposed desperate resistance to Pershing's men all along the line All the counter attacks were easily

repulsed. They had the appearance, be-cause of the small numbers of men em-ployed, of being efforts to throw con-fusion into the American ranks in order

Our troops to-day continued their attack on both sides of the Meuse. encountering stubborn resistance from a reenforced enemy. East of the Meuse French and American troops have gained ground. West of the river the fighting has increased in violence and our troops have made substantial gains, including Hill 299, which changed hands three times. We have broken the Kriembild-Stell lung line at new points, where our men closed with the enemy in a series of hand to hand encounters in

## GERMANS MURDER

in Flanders Drive.

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WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 16.—Our prisoners in the new Flanders offensive now number 15,000 and with them we have taken 200 guns. It is reported that the Germans, just sington, Pa.; Seregants Thomas Gaddis, before leaving Roulers shot fifty civilians, for what cause it has not been learned.

But, were Lieut C. F. Shenk, New Ken, and Shenk, Pa.; Sereka, New Ken, and Shenk, Pa.; Sereka, New Ken, and Shenk, Shenk,

The morale of prisoners taken in the last two days is very poor. They seem unusually well informed as to the surse of events recently, indicating that their officers have ceased all efforts to keep them in the dark concerning peace ves. This indicates that they consider such efforts useless or that by promises of quick peace they hope to

promises of quick peace they hope to inspire their men to greater efforts.

Men and officers are now agreed that Germany is beaten and must have peace, and not a few are outspoken in the opinion that the Kaiser must go and with him the Crown Prince, whom all seem willing to cast into oblivion. At some points on our line the prisoners surrendered without a fight, but at other points they held out to the last.

The best experience I have heard of is that of a body of English troops 400 sirons who took over 300 prisoners, including nine officers, with only sixteen casualities to themselves.

I learn that Roulers was found practically intact, and that 1,200 civilians

lically intact, and that 1,200 civilians were rescued. The town had been mined, I am told, but the connections were severed before there were any explosions.

When on Fifth Ave. look for the sign:



were sending in streams of machine gun bullets. Disregarding both the flames and the bullets Moyer and his men drove boldly into the main street and kept going until they found the Americans who had sent for the ammunition. How they escaped remains a mystery to all those who witnessed the exploit.

Moyer to further show his disregard of anger wandered around in Fismes gath-ering up wounded and finally had twenty disabled men on his truck. With these he started out of town the way he had entered and in due time delivered the wounded at a field hospital.

"To Whom It May Concern."

Of great merit also was the perform ance of a machine gun company that had driven two spurs into a position which had been described to them as in-pregnable. For hours these men hung on until French and American units had worked their way around the flanks of the position, forcing the Germans to sur-render. This company was commanded by Major M. E. Tydings of Baltimore, his chief assistants being Capt. Larry Doyle, Camden, N. J.; Lieut. George S. Butcher, Newark, and Capt, Oscar Wild, Jersey

Lieut. Charles C. McLeod, Lynchburg. tusion into the American ranks in order to gain time.

The principal American activity this merning was on the left of the battle sector. There was some activity in the district east of the River Meuse. The enemy threw gas shells into the Charles or shell splinters he replied: "No, but I tillon Woods last night and bombarded or shell splinters he replied: "No, but I have been splittered by mud kicked up the challs uptil my sufferm land tillon be the shell splinters he replied: "No, but I have been splittered by mud kicked up the challs uptil my sufferm land." It to be

Tuileries Farm.

The advance of the Americans yesterday has been maintained everywhere.

On another occasion when starting off terday has been maintained everywhere and some slight gains were recorded during the night. The forward elements of the American troops, consisting of machine gunners, are occupying or ganized shell holes.

The confusion among the German units, due to the amalgamation of various organizations, increases daily. Even this method does not prevent the strength of the units from decreasing steadily. On another occasion when starting of

Escapes of Major Chipperfield.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Substantial gains on both sides of the Meuse against stubborn resistance by a reenforced enemy was reported to-day by Gen. Pershing in his bulletin for Tuesday.

The despatch follows:

Our troops to-day continued their attack on both sides of the Meuse. encountering stubborn resistance from from the bank of a canal when a huge shell landed within ten feet of him, but fortunately for him it struck the waster. fortunately for him it struck the water, otherwise he probably would have been blown to pieces. On another occasion

blown to pieces. On another occasion he stopped his car to give a surgeon a lift and no sooner had they started than a monster shell tore a huge hole in the road ahead, in the exact spot where he would have been had he not stopped.

Just before making one of their attacks in the Argonne forest a stone with a piece of paper tied to it fell among some Americans Lieut. Arthur C. Burnett. Hopewell Junction, N. Y., picked it up and found written on it in good English: "You Americans may win this war, but there won't be enough of you HELPLESS CIVILIANS
British Take 15,000 Prisoners
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After tossing this note back and waiting for a few minutes for the message to sink in, Burnett and his men charged, cleaning out the position in front of them to the last man. The prisoners were asked who had sent the note and it was learned that its author was

among the slain.

Those who distinguished themselves in this charge, aside from Lieut. Burnett, were Lieut. C. F. Shenk, New Ken-

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London, Oct. 16.—British cavalry has occupied Tripoli, forty-five miles north of Beirut, and Homs, about eighty-five miles north of Damascus, according to an official statement on operations in Palestine, issued tonight.

The communication says:

On the occupation of Beirut by our troops, October 8, 60 Turkish officers and 600 men of other ranks were made prisoner. Bailbek was entered by our armored car batteries October 9 and it was ascertained that a force of about 500 Turks had surrendered of about 500 Turks had surrendered to the local inhabitants.

Our advanced cavalry and armored

cars also occupied Tripoli Sunday and Homs Tuesday without opposition, the latter town having been reported by our air service as evacuated and in flames October 12. Turkish cavairy detachments re-tiring through Homs have been located at El Rastan, eleven miles

Gen. Allenby's great victories in Palestine and Syria, in which India has played a prominent part, make the time

olayed a prominent part, make the time opportune to place on record the answer of India to the call to arms is used by the British Empire.

Indian troops have borne their share of the war in France, Mesopotamia, Egypt, the Dardenelles, Salonica, East 'frica and in Central Asia. Up to July 31, 1913, India had contributed 1,115,189 men to the British army.

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MITTELEUROPA COLLAPSING.

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Mr. Asquith said the main objective of the Allies was to destroy Prussian militarism. "There is no one in the civilised world who does not feel that the doom of war is sealed," he added.

Mr. Asquith declared that the overtures of the enemy came from people two knew in their heart of hearts that they would have to give up the game. The reply must come from the German people themselves. He said there was no one better qualified than President Wilson to be the spokesman for the common cause. common cause.

Britain Recognizes Poles.

London, Oct. 16 .- The British Govern ment has recognized the Police National army as autonomous, allied and cobel-ligerent, according to an official an-ment made to-night.



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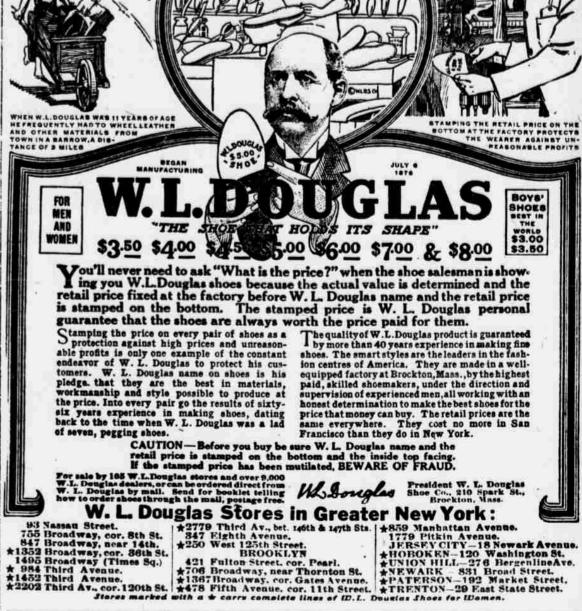
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